

Protect People

There are some actions you can take now to keep you and your family safe in a flooding event.

1. Become familiar with the warning systems available in Scituate and take action to be ready in the case of a flood:

Use this link: <https://www.scituatema.gov/subscribe> to sign up for text and/or email alerts delivered directly to your digital phone or email. Notification of flood warnings, watches and urgent communication regarding flooding is always communicated through this vehicle.

CodeRed (*CodeRed is a mobile alert app that provides free emergency, community and missing persons alerts.*)

2. Register to receive all weather and emergency alerts through Massachusetts Emergency Management Alert at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massachusetts-alerts-smartphone-app>
3. Create a safety kit with drinking water, canned food, first aid, blankets, a radio and a flashlight.
4. Post emergency telephone numbers by the phone and teach your children how to dial 911.
5. Plan and practice a flood evacuation route with your family. Know safe routes from home, work and school that are on higher ground.
6. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to be your emergency family contact.
7. Have a plan to protect your pets. Scituate is also a pet friendly shelter.
8. Avoid potential Hazardous Areas.
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10. Avoid potentially hazardous areas.
11. Read these links that provide more preparedness information:

- **Ready.Gov** @ <http://www.ready.gov/floods>
- **CDC** @ <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/>
- **FloodSmart.Gov** @ https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/preparation_recovery/before_a_flood.jsp
- **Red Cross** @ <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood>

Stay away from the coastal areas prone to flooding.

Avoid flooded streets - Rescue workers have had to help stranded motorists from flooded vehicles during every flood in the City's history. Remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown

Some other things you can do to stay safe during a flood:

- If water rises in your home before you evacuate, go to the top floor, attic, or roof.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio for the latest storm information.
- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if advised to do so.
- If you've come in contact with floodwaters, wash your hands with soap and disinfected water.

For more information on emergency preparation: <https://www.scituatema.gov/emergency-preparedness>, talk to your insurance agent or visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).